

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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SERVICE LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Indiana State University, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announce a new program to recognize high schools that demonstrate a commitment to community engagement and reward students who practice service learning.

The program will provide Sycamore Service Scholarships of \$1,000 per year to graduating seniors from nine high schools selected for the Sycamore Community Leadership Award. The scholarships will be renewable for up to four years. In addition, eight schools will receive awards of \$500 each as semi-finalists, while a ninth school will receive the top school award of \$1,000.

"Since the Governor and I assumed office, we have worked to increase Indiana's already above-average rate of volunteerism," said Lt. Gov. Skillman. "Since then, ISU has become a national leader in community engagement. I am pleased to join them in recognizing high schools that share their commitment to service learning and in rewarding students who represent true Hoosier values."

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recently recognized Indiana State as one of only two institutions in Indiana and 62 in the nation for substantial commitments both to community engagement via educational curriculum as well as through outreach and partnerships. In addition, the university was named to the inaugural President's Honor Roll for Community Engagement.

"Whether working with Habitat for Humanity, volunteering at community centers, helping to launch a new social work program in the country of Morocco, or spending spring break helping victims of recent natural disasters, ISU students and faculty understand the need to be active citizens in building a better community - indeed, a better world," said ISU President Lloyd W. Benjamin III.

"The Sycamore Service Scholarships and Sycamore Community Leadership Awards may represent a modest investment in terms of dollars, but the message they carry is that the reward one receives from helping fellow citizens is truly priceless," Benjamin said. More than 30 ISU students who gave up a traditional spring break this year to help the Gulf Coast rebuild from Hurricane Katrina found themselves instead helping victims of the March tornado in Enterprise, Ala.

"One of those students called it the first time she felt like she helped - really helped, while another said it made him want to make a living out of helping people," said Nancy Brattain-Rogers, director of the university's Center for Public Service and Community Engagement. "It is our hope that by making this scholarship and award program available, we can help not just nine students from nine high schools, but young people from all across Indiana experience the same type of fulfillment."

Sycamore Community Leadership Awards will recognize high schools whose students, faculty and staff have collectively demonstrated exemplary service to their local communities and other geographic areas between June 2006 and May 2007. Awards will be based on evidence of student leadership, community impact, commitment of school faculty and staff to community service as a pathway to learning, and student involvement.

Applications for Sycamore Community Leadership Awards must be postmarked by **June 29** and will be judged by a panel of state leaders. Winning schools will select their respective scholarship recipients. An awards ceremony will take place in Indianapolis in October. Additional details are available on their Web site at <http://www.indstate.edu/publicservice>

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The President's Volunteer Service Award, created by The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, is a way to thank volunteers for their commitment to volunteerism and community service. This award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain number of volunteer hours over the course of a year, or lifetime. To learn more, visit <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/index.cfm>

A new federal study has found that volunteering produces many positive benefits for teens from low-income backgrounds – they become empowered, are more likely to volunteer and become politically engaged, and believe they will graduate from college and make a difference in their communities. But the study by the Corporation for National and Community Service also found a disturbing “class gap” in teen volunteer rates. Youth from disadvantaged circumstances have a volunteer rate of 43%, compared to 59% for other youth. They are also much less likely than other youth to take part in service-learning or school civic clubs. To read the full press-release, visit http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/newsroom/releases_detail.asp?tbl_pr_id=676



Volunteering in America: Resources for Retention website is where you will find information to help you recruit and retain volunteers for your program. The recently released 2007 Volunteering in America report by the Corporation for National and Community Service found that 1 out of 3 volunteers who volunteered in 2005 did not in 2006, the highest dropout rate of the last four years. Sound recruitment and retention strategies are an important part of any well-designed and well-managed program. For more information, visit <http://www.nationalserviceresources.org/volunteerweek/>

The PlayPumps International “100 Pumps in 100 Days Challenge” is a campaign that encourages school-age youth, members of clubs and social groups, members of faith-based organizations, and other individuals to get involved to raise awareness of the clean drinking water crisis. From March 22 through June 29, PlayPumps International hopes to raise funds to provide clean drinking water to 100 communities – or 250,000 people- in sub-Saharan Africa. Each PlayPump water system costs \$14,000 to build and install, so the goal is to raise \$1.4 million by the end of June.

To learn more, visit <http://www.playpumps.org>



The Indiana Association for Community Economic Development, the Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority invite you to submit a workshop proposal to be considered for presentation at their 2007 Statewide Housing and Community Economic Development Conference. If you are interested in presenting, or if you know someone who would be interested in presenting, please review or share this information. Please complete the workshop proposal, available at <http://www.instatewideconference.net/> and submit no later than **May 12, 2007**, to Amy Merritt, IACED, 2105 North Meridian Street, Suite 102, Indianapolis, IN 46202, fax, 317-920-2310, email amerritt@iaced.org



Make a Difference Michiana is hosting their annual Philanthropy Summit on Monday, **April 30th**. This year's Summit will feature keynote speaker Kristian Darigan, VP Cause Branding at Cone, Inc. in Boston. Cone, Inc. is the leading cause-marketing consulting firm in the nation.

Local business leaders are encouraged to attend this event to hear how creating brand personality by supporting a cause can energize their corporate image, enhance employee morale, and build customer loyalty.

Make a Difference Michiana will be honoring Good Corporate Citizens at the Summit event. Fifteen local businesses have been nominated by nonprofit organizations for their support of each agency's mission through innovative partnerships. Three businesses will be selected and honored with Good Corporate Citizenship Awards.

The Philanthropy Summit, a luncheon event, will begin at 11:30 – 1:00, at the Century Center in South Bend, IN. A nonprofit expo will be held prior to the luncheon from 11:00 – 11:30. Thirty nonprofit organizations from the region will be exhibiting to attendees of the Philanthropy Summit.

Tickets to the Philanthropy Summit are \$40 per seat, and can be purchased online at the Make a Difference Michiana web site, www.makeadifferencemichiana.org, or by calling (574)234-5543.

New this year, Make a Difference Michiana will be offering educational seminars in the afternoon of April 30th, for nonprofit leaders and community board members. Topics include: Board Development; Fund Development; Media Relations for Nonprofits; and Legal Issues for Nonprofits. Attendees are encouraged to register for seminars on line at www.makeadifferencemichiana.org.

Training Opportunities

May 2nd, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM Grant Seeking and Grant Writing

Central Library, 200 SE MLK Jr. Blvd, Evansville, IN

Fee: \$49

Contact Information: June Miller, UW of SWIN, 812-422-4100

Email: south@inrn.org

May 3rd, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Fund Raising 101

West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W. Columbia Street, West Lafayette, IN

Fee: \$30 for UW Agencies, others \$35

Contact Information: Jillian Miller, United Way of Greater Lafayette, 765-742-8241

Email: inrn@glvb.org

May 9th, 9 AM – 12 noon Understanding Learning Styles for Training and Orienting Volunteers

United Way of Bartholomew County, 1531 13th Street, Columbus, IN

Fee: \$30 for UW Agencies, others \$100

Contact Information: Lesley Devine, United Way of Delaware County, 765-288-5586

Email: east@inrn.org

May 17th, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Nonprofit Boards That Work

Alexandrian Public Library, 115 W. 5th Street, Mount Vernon, IN

Fee: \$10

Contact Information: June Miller, UW of SWIN, 812-422-4100

Email: south@inrn.org

May 22nd, 9:45 AM - 1:00 PM Evaluating Your Volunteer Program (Custom Workshop)

City Hall-Council Chambers, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, IN

Fee: \$15

Contact Information: June Miller, UW of SWIN, 812-422-4100

Email: south@inrn.org

Training Opportunities continued...

All the World's a Stage: Creative Techniques to Engage Youth in Social Change
9 AM - 4 PM (registration begins at 8:30 AM)
 Cost: \$40, includes breakfast



May 8 Bloomington Convention Center, 302 S. College Avenue, Bloomington
 May 9 Cornerstone Center for the Arts, 520 East Main Street, Muncie, IN
 May 10 Indianapolis Art Center, Library, 820 East 67 Street, Indianapolis, IN
 May 11 West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W. Columbia, West Lafayette, IN

For more information: www.iyi.org or call 1-800-343-7060

Building the Annual Fund (two-day training session)
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (registration begins at 8:00 AM)
 Cost: Free, includes breakfast

May 3 & 4 College Football Hall of Fame, 111 S. St. Joseph Street, South Bend, IN
 May 7 & 8 Marten House Hotel & Lilly Conference Center, 1801 W. 86 Street, Indianapolis, IN
 May 9 & 10 Evansville Association for the Blind, 500 2nd Avenue, Evansville, IN
 May 17 & 18 Ivy Tech Community College, Wabash Valley, 7999 S. US Highway 41, Terre Haute, IN
 May 31-June 1 Earlham College, 801 National Road West, Richmond, IN
 June 7 & 8 Indiana University Southeast, University Center, 4201 Grant Line Road, New Albany, IN
 June 11 & 12 Dearborn Adult Center, 311 West Tate Street, Lawrenceburg, IN
 June 14 & 15 The Landmark Conference & Reception Centre, 6222 Ellison Rd, Fort Wayne, IN
 June 14 & 15 Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza, 800 East 81 Avenue, Merrillville, IN
 June 20 & 21 Marten House Hotel & Lilly Conference Center, 1801 W. 86 Street, Indianapolis, IN

For more information: www.iyi.org or call 1-800-343-7060



MAJOR GIFTS: Finding the perfect donors who love your mission and stay with you for life

May 10th, 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM

Prime Time Center, 3701 South Calhoun, Ft. Wayne, IN

Fee: FREE

Contact Information: Sara Gosney, 206-709-9400 ext. 138 or email sara.gosney@benevon.com

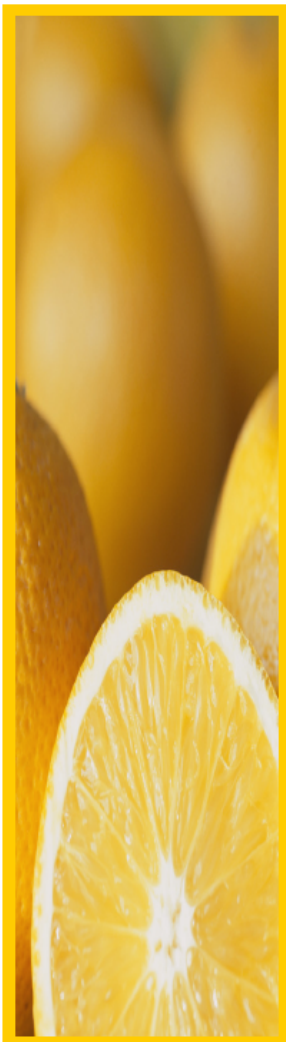
To register: <http://sforce.benevon.com/intros/midwest.htm>

We have to improve life, not just for those who have the most skills and those who know how to manipulate the system. But also for and with those who often have so much to give but never get the opportunity.

—Dorothy Height

Body&Soul

A Celebration of Healthy Eating & Living



“Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do,
do all unto the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31

Please join us for

Body & Soul Training
Saturday, April 28, 2007
10:00 a.m.

Indiana Minority Health Coalition
3737 N. Meridian Street, Ste #300
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Body & Soul is a wellness program developed for African-American congregations. The program empowers church members to eat 5 to 9 servings of fruits and vegetables for better health.

This training will give you tools to aid your congregants in lowering their risk of developing high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer.

Please RSVP by April 20, 2007.

Yolanda Wide

317-280-6630

Yolanda.Wide@cancer.org

Nutritious lunch will be provided




Community Nutrition
Obesity Prevention Division
[Indiana State Department of Health](http://www.in.gov/health)

Dear Community Leaders,

The Hispanic Organization Promoting Excellence (HOPE) this summer will partner with Valparaiso University to host a Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute.

The purpose of the institute is to help students develop critical thinking, problem solving and decision making skills necessary to meet the challenges of being an effective leader in the global environment of the 21st century.

Throughout the institute students will participate in experimental activities geared toward self-assessment and self-exploration. Students will gain knowledge on how to be an effective leader in a diverse world. Furthermore, students will gain an understanding of how to use their influence to delegate, empower, and create positive changes in their schools, organizations they may belong to and the communities in which they live.

The student leaders nominated to attend the Institute will receive completed information regarding the summer institute without obligation. By nominating qualified students for this once in a lifetime experience we are encouraging their dreams and demonstrating our commitment to the development of our community student leaders for a better and brighter tomorrow.

**We invite you to join us Wednesday, May 2nd
at The Fiesta Palace in Merrillville 5:00pm to 8:00pm.**

The keynote speaker for the evening will be NBC News Anchor, Anita Padilla.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person or you may purchase a table for \$500.00

**For Tickets or Sponsorship Opportunities please contact:
Dr. Jose Arrendondo at 219-464-5478 or Lorraine Guillen-Wentz at 219-588-1109**

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